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Letter dated 24 January 1992 from the Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon the instructions from my Government, I have the honour to draw your attention to the letter and its annexes addressed to you on 19 December 1991 by the representatives of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama (A/46/829-S/23310). In paragraph 34 of annex I, there has appeared the designation "Republic of China". This runs counter to the letter and spirit of General Assembly resolution 2758 (XXVI) adopted on 25 October 1971. Hence, the appearance of such a designation in United Nations documents is totally inadmissible. We cannot but express our regret. I hereby wish to reaffirm that there is only one China in the world, that is the People's Republic of China. Taiwan is an inalienable part of the territory of the People's Republic of China. The Chinese Government opposes any kind of official relations with the authorities in Taiwan on the part of countries having diplomatic relations with China.

I have the honour to request that this letter be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under agenda item 31, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) LI Daoyu
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of the People's Republic of China to
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